

THURSDAY, DEC. 18, 1884.

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THE LEDGER
TO JANUARY 1, 1885.

For \$1.50 Cash in Advance.

Published for People on Earth.

Dr. Stodert is very sick.

Take your girl to the Bazaar.

T. B. Buckner is in New Orleans.

Mrs. S. A. Dunn has been very sick.

Mrs. W. L. Paul is visiting in Kansas.

Mr. Abe Hitt is in Chicago with cattle.

Judge Robinson and wife are in Texas.

Grand masquerade at skating rink to-night.

Fun, sport and merriment at the rink to-night.

The Knights of Honor elect officers to-night.

Mrs. A. P. Bishop, of Miami, is here on a visit.

Joe Pilcher is opening a jewelry store in Vandalia.

Musical treat at opera house Tuesday eve, Dec. 30.

Watch for Ada Stanley's grand band parade Dec. 26.

Mr. Williams gave a very pleasant dance last Monday night.

Samuel Hanna of Saling, was in this week and called on us.

There will be a skating party and ball at the rink New Year's eve.

Eugene Dudley, of Thompson Station, smelt a smole. It is a girl.

R. W. Edmonston has bought the T. M. Gill residence of J. W. Crigler.

R. Bunstien, of Worcester, is doubtfully happy—one a boy the other a girl.

Louise Sylvester's comedy company at opera house Monday eve, Jan. 5.

Eddie Haygood, well-known in Mexico, died in Nevada, Mo., last week.

Miss Wakefield and Thos. Stowers, both of this county, were married last week.

It is said that Herman Stollhorn is soon to marry one of Moberly's fair daughters.

Hamilton Hall has just bought a fine \$5 rooster from Bob Boswell, of Alton, Illinois.

See Houston & Trimble's ad. They invite your special attention to cheap line of boards.

Charley Houston has returned from Texas. He says he loves old Missouri the best.

B. W. Canterbury lost \$55 in cash on the streets last Monday. He has lost some sleep also.

Judge N. Lackland is fast recovering from injuries received by being thrown from his buggy.

The Peaked Sisters were entertained one night last week at the residence of Judge Lackland.

Mrs. C. H. Harrington and Mrs. R. H. Peery have returned from a visit to relatives in New York.

One pair of 1 karat white stones 18 karat gold crescent for the low price of \$48.50. At M. Pilcher & Bro.

W. W. Weiner, a fine musician from Carrollton, Ill., has been in Mexico on a visit to his brother, Urban.

W. S. Mosby, one of Audrain's most talented and industrious young men, is going to practice law in Mexico.

Cyus Cumberland, a prosperous citizen of Fulton, made us a pleasant call and paid for the G. R. W. to Jan. 1885.

Maj. Hord is not going to Fort Smith, Ark., but will remain in Mexico to keep the Hotel d'Ferris to the front.

The matinee which was to be given by Hardin College talent at opera house Friday afternoon, Dec. 26, has been canceled.

Prof. C. G. Cunningham, formerly principal of the Montgomery City public schools, is spending the holidays in Mexico.

Everybody finds the Great New York Fire Store, where they give a fine \$2.50 hat with every \$5 suit and overcoat they sell.

Cold, cold, bitter cold! Get a pair of those heavy wool cassimere pants at 75c at the Fire Store. They are sure to keep out the cold.

Graves & Kempton's Chicago Comedy Co., with uniformed band and orchestra, will appear at the Opera House at an early day.

Every purchaser of \$5 worth of clothing is entitled to a Christmas gift of a fine \$2.50 hat. At the Great New York Fire Store.

Every buyer of a \$5 suit or overcoat will be presented a Christmas gift of a fine soft \$2.50 hat, at the Great New York Fire Store.

Madame Stanley's Female Maestros in conjunction with Cort & Murphy's Specialty Co. Cort and Murphy, Managers. Dec. 26.

Col. Graves, of the Farber Agitator, made us a call last week. He is a clever and sociable gentleman. He has not sold the Agitator as reported.

Given away from now on until Christmas, a fine \$2.50 fur hat with every \$5 suit or overcoat bought at the Great New York Fire Store.

The Bridges twins drew a good house again Monday night. Every one was pleased. With proper training they will prove a bonanza.

In this issue of the LEDGER will be found John Sontag's ad. Santa Claus has his headquarters at Sontag's store. Call and see him.

Special Drives!

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CLOTHING!

UNTIL JANUARY 1st.

OVERCOATS!

FOR CHILDREN,
FOR BOYS,
FOR MEN.

! S-U-I-T-S !

Of Every Kind.

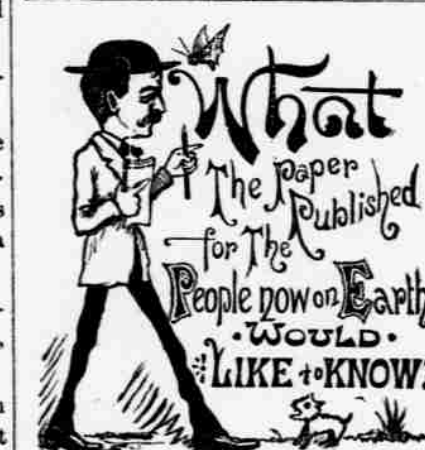
Our Stock!

Must be Sold.

Prices cut down LOWER than anybody will sell them to you.

Joe & Vic Barth,

THE PREMIUM CLOTHIERS,

North Side Square, MEXICO, MO.
Leaders in Styles and Outfitters of all Mankind.

Who "frowed" that liver.

What the world is coming to.

If you are going to swear off.

If you have been to the Bazaar.

If the Kunkel matter is settled.

If a Bazaar is always a bonanza.

Why Sam Edwards is like a Jew.

If Jim Emmons ain't a hummer.

Where Canterbury lost his money.

If a church divided is not bound to fall.

What has become of the Blaine libel suit.

How the ladies like coasting on the sidewalk.

If the LEDGER advertisements are not daisies.

When our lawn mower will find its way home.

When we will hear from L. L. Hutton again.

If you have read and heeded C. B. Morris' ad.

If you are going to remember the poor on Xmas.

If you are going to observe Xmas in a becoming way.

If people can get even with each other by not speaking.

If the latest sensation won't be ripe before next week.

What has become of Mexico's brass and string bands.

Which one of the embroidery class won the talking match.

If you know why next Thursday is called Christmas day.

If the public school teachers don't deserve a Christmas rest.

If you have "been up against" anything in the Bazaar.

If "Sut" Hooton really meant to twist that man's ear off.

If the Bazaar is not a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

If this is not tough weather on people who are out of wood.

If Col. Waddingham will not have a good well bored in his park.

If Ed. Rodman is editor and proprietor of the Laddonia Herald.

What Mexico would do for water in case a big fire should break out.

If the LEDGER will not have 2,000 regular subscribers by January, '85.

If one of Mexico's best looking preachers is not going to marry soon.

If Dudgeon will ever sell his guitar until he advertises it in the LEDGER.

If immediate steps should not be taken at once to improve Hardin Park.

If John Abney knew at what time the sun set on last Sunday evening.

If there are not three or four dances and parties in Mexico every night.

What lady wanted a gentleman to take her away on a trip to see the world.

If Cy Scott is not a hummer when it comes to bringing in a load (?) of wood.

If we are not going to have an Uncle Tom's cabin company this winter.

If our Andrew won't make a joe dandy floor manager? Andy is bound to shine.

Why one of our doctors refuses to report deaths and births, as the law requires.

When the Louisiana base ball club is going to pay the \$25 they owe Mexico.

If the grand musical entertainment Dec. 30th won't be the affair of the season.

If the Holiness people are not going to celebrate Christmas in good shape.

If the rumor of an escapee of a Sunday.

RUSH HILL RED HOT.

A \$15,000 FIRE WITH ABOUT \$5,000 INSURANCE.

Fires at Higginsville, Laddonia and Mexico.

Last Wednesday morning we received the following telegram:

RUSH HILL, Mo., Dec. 17.—Bon WHITE, MEXICO, Mo.—Rush Hill burning up. Come down and write it up. W. T. L.

The LEDGER at once tried to get a train down but failed until the regular passenger train at noon, when, in company with a reporter of our "unodious" contemporary, we went down to see how much of that five town went down in ashes.

About half past four o'clock yesterday morning the people of Rush Hill were aroused from their slumbers by the thrilling cry of fire. The fire was found to be in the rear of Green's drug store and quickly inflamed the entire building, there being a billiard hall up stairs. The boys had been playing billiards until after midnight and left but little fire up stairs. There was no stove down stairs in the rear of the store and it is claimed the fire was the work of an incendiary. From the drug store the fire caught Reedy & Fuetz' warehouse, then their hardware store, from there to the hotel, all of which with contents were entirely destroyed. The fire was stopped on the west by the road and by the roof of the hotel being tin, which kept the flames from spreading. On the east the fire was kept from W. T. Lott's store by his hard work and by the wind being a little in his favor. He was nobly assisted by his friends who did good work. All concerned were badly hurt by the fire as the insurance they carried was very light.

LOSSES AND INSURANCE.

The drug store building, where the fire started, belonged to Mrs. Emma Uzzle. It was worth \$1,000; no insurance.

The stock of drugs belonging to J. F. Green was worth \$1,500; insured for \$900.

The billiard hall up stairs was insured for \$400 and the loss was \$1,000. It was the property of Dave Green.

Reedy & Fuetz had \$7,000 worth of hardware and machines. Insured for \$1,200. They owned their store and the hotel, worth \$3,000; insured for \$1,600.

Charley Stewart, insurance agent, notary public and justice of the peace, lost \$300 worth of books; no insurance.

John Pike, boarder at hotel, lost his clothing.

Fred Camm, boarder and carpenter, lost \$75 worth of tools. He was in Illinois and left his tools in the hotel.

Mr. Wilkey, the hotel porter, lost his watch and clothes, valued at \$100.

Mr. Frank Appell kept the hotel and bar. He lost about \$1,500 worth of property and was insured for only \$500. He has a large family. They did not save even their wearing apparel.

Reedy & Fuetz are active young business men and though not rich will again get to the front. This will leave them nearly out of money, but they have good backing.

This is one of the best blocks in the town and we think that new and better buildings will at once go up.

STARKS.

It was a cold night for a fire.

Rush Hill has no fire company.

There are plenty of drug stores left.

W. T. Lott, Jr., is the boss fire fighter.

This was a big fire for the size of the town.

Uncle Bob Allen was in looking at the ruins.

The Rush Hill hotel shut down suddenly.

The depot and elevator both made narrow escapes.

The boys were feeling badly as usual the next day.

The Rush Hill people will now carry a heavier insurance.

Everything will be rebuilt. You can't keep a good town down.

Boarders at the hotel changed boarding house without notice.

Fire has no effect on W. T. Lott; at least it has not on this earth.

Reedy & Fuetz feel bad, but you can't keep live young men down.

Harvey Smith was down with the LEDGER man. He was just one day too late.

If the wind had been blowing hard either way the town would have gone up.

Zip Hagan fell off Lott's store during the fire but sustained no dangerous injuries.

Gus Reusch says he will give \$100 towards Reedy & Fuetz's rebuilding. Who will do the same thing? They are good boys.

John Bick owns the building next to the fire on the east, which was saved by the hard work of W. T. Lott and friends.

Those who burned out have the sympathy of every person within fifteen miles of the place. Many of them are now without a cent.

The LEDGER got to the scene of the fire as soon as it could and got seven new subscribers. The people of Rush Hill believe in rewarding enterprise.

The postoffice made a narrow escape. The tin roof is all that saved it. Gus Reusch got all of the mail and express matter in shape so he could move it quick.

Old John, the shoemaker, who works in the back part of the post-office, thought it was the moon or the end of the earth and began to get things ready to move.

LADDONIA'S LUCK.

Special to the Ledger.

LADDONIA, Mo., Dec. 18, 1884.—The elevator known as Hisey's burned at 8:30 last night. The fire started in the main part of the elevator. Parties here think it was incendiary. The fire did not start in the engine room or where there was any fire. Only a few years since Carter & Hisey's elevator at this place burned down with heavy loss. They lost 27,000 bushels of No. 2 corn, besides their valuable elevator. The elevator now belonged to Pearson, Wilder & Fowles. It was worth about \$5,000 and was insured for a good deal less than one-half this amount. Hisey & James had about 10,000 bushels of corn in the elevator. It was insured for \$600. E. K.

FIRE AT MARSHALL.

As we go to press we learn there was a fire at Marshall, Mo., last night. As the wires are down it is impossible to get particulars.

HIGGINSVILLE HOT.

As we go to press we learn that there was a fire at Higginsville, Mo., Tuesday night. The Arcade Hotel was burned and other valuable property was destroyed; also the fine C. & A. depot.

FIRE NEAR LADDONIA.

LADDONIA, Mo., Dec. 18, 1884.—R. M. WHITE.—The residence of J. J. Freels, three miles south of here, was burned yesterday. If Frank Friar's house was burned we have not heard of it. ED KENNAN.

SMALL BLAZE IN WEST MEXICO.

The fire company was called out about midnight Saturday night by the burning of a wood shed belonging to Mr. Richards in West Mexico. The damage was slight and was the work of an incendiary.

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

—ON—

5 AND 10 CENT COUNTER, POSTOFFICE STORE.

Carrie Porter's Predicament.

Special Dispatch to the Ledger.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 16.—Carrie Porter, of Mexico, Mo., aged 18 years, was arrested here tonight for deserting her one-month old babe. She arrived at 7 o'clock this evening on the Hannibal & St. Joseph train, and walked deliberately to a lumber yard where she left the child. Its cries were heard a quarter of an hour later, and the heartless mother was arrested as she was about to leave the city. She claims she was runned under promise of marriage by a citizen of Mexico, who left town when her condition became known. Being unable to procure employment as long as she had the child, she finally determined to desert it.

We have thoroughly investigated this case and can find no one in this city who ever heard of Carrie Porter. The party is either traveling under an assumed name or she is not from Mexico.

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5 AND 10 CENT COUNTER, POSTOFFICE STORE.

Mrs. M. M. Show of Centralia, accompanied by the charming and fascinating Miss Sophia Gates, of that city, called on us Wednesday. Mrs. Show informs us that the Holiness people are going to have a "warm" time up there during the holidays.

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5 AND 10 CENT COUNTER, POSTOFFICE STORE.

We learn that the road tax next year will be only 10 cents on the \$100. This is not more than one-third enough to keep the roads in shape. Hereafter the tax has been 20 cents on the \$100.

MEXICO, Mo., Dec. 15, 1884.—R. M. WHITE.—"H. H." should recount. There are 7,959 verses in New Testament. The middle verse is in Acts, 17th chapter and 17th verse. R.

If our next Congressman is really going to have a private secretary.

X-MAS

Watches! Diamonds! Jewelry!

GIFTS!

FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS!

Look at These Prices!

Handsome Water Sets, from \$20 00 to \$50
 Fine Berry Dishes, - from 3 50 to 18
 Fine Cake Baskets, - from 4 00 to 15
 Fine Gold Spectacles, from 3 75 to 12
 Gold-headed Canes, - from 6 00 to 15
 Handsome Silver Tea Spoons, 1 60 dozen.

For the Holiday Trade!

A full and Beautiful line of everything, all suitable and appropriate.

At Prices That Will Astonish You!

WATCHES and JEWELRY Repaired at Short Notice.

CHAS. B. MORRIS,

Fetter's Old Stand,

South Side Public Square,
MEXICO, MISSOURI.

In the Ringo Block,

Unique Xmas Card.

John M. Marmaduke, cashier of the Savings Bank, presents all of his friends with the following unique Xmas card:

BANK OF GOOD FORTUNE, IN THE STATE OF FELICITY.

January 1st, 1885.

DEPOSITED BY J. M. MARMADUKE, TO THE CREDIT OF MR.

Good Luck.....1000
 Happy Days.....565
 Pleasant Weeks.....52
 Successful Months.....12
 Fortunate Quarters.....43
 N. Y. Exchange.....432

Total.....1885

Don't be fooled by the big blows you see about selling out at cost, etc., but go to Ricketts & Emmons' and get a handsome cloak for less money than you ever expect to; also their large stock of clothing, dry goods, etc., at prices as low, if not below, any house in town. 35-2

Hammer Committee.

The following committee to decide as to who was the most noted hummer of 1884 has been carefully selected by our citizens: John Creasey, chairman; J. H. Runkel, Byron Cluster, Al Campbell, Tom Hughes and L. N. Bass. They are all good men and will do the fair thing. They meet January 10th in the editorial room of the LEDGER office. While the committee is in session the office will be closed guardedly.

New Grocery Store.

Opened in Harper Block in Variety Store room, where can be found a full line of staple and fancy groceries; will also run a 5, 10 and 25 cent counter of tinware and other goods, Cash paid for eggs, chickens, etc. Pure crab apple cider and vinegar. We give a special invitation to our old friends, former customers, and new comers to give us a call. 35-1

W. P. FROST & Co.

Dick Phillips, Turner Hayes, John Anderson and John Johnson, all colored, say that they saw a large man, about 14 feet high, without any head, last Monday night as they were going home, near the public school building. These "coons" had better keep quiet, as a card was found the next morning which read: "I will down you all Christmas night; I am from the Haunted Hill and will and must have Turner Hayes and Rich Phillips."

Christmas Presents.

Select from our large stock of Books of all kinds, Dressing Cases, Work Boxes, Writing Desks, Pranges, Christmas Cards, Gold Pens, fine box papers, Autograph Albums, Games, Blocks, etc. SALLER & BROOKS.

The I. O. O. F. Lodge of Laddonia have our thanks for an invitation to a grand ball and supper on Christmas eve. The committees are: On invitation, W. F. Purnell, W. H. Logan, H. L. Alldredge; on reception, T. G. Ford, C. A. Torreyson, W. B. Gray; floor managers, F. D. Barr, C. W. Montgomery, G. A. Frank.

Ricketts & Emmons will not be undersold. Price their cloaks (all new styles) before buying. It will astonish you the prices they are making. Their big stock must be sold.

The only and original Ada Stanley's Mastodon Minstrels. The largest variety and spectacular organization on the road, composed of thirty-five people of recognized ability will appear at opera house one night only, Friday Dec. 26.

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5 AND 10 CENT COUNTER, POSTOFFICE STORE.

Mrs. Fannie Honaker of Glasgow, closed a very interesting art school last week. She was very much pleased with the taste for art shown in Mexico.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I will apply to the Circuit Court of Audrain County, Mo., on the first day of the January term, 1885, thereof for final discharge from the position and duties of Assignee of John Gough, 36-6 W. J. G. THURMEL, Assignee.

Col. Richmond has returned to Vandalia and opened a photograph gallery. Some of the Mexico business men should go down and have their pictures taken.

Ada Stanley's Mastodons one night only, Friday, Dec. 26.

That Telephone Girl Again.

The girl had been asleep a long time when somebody called. Looking at the switchboard she observed that No. — was down, and leisurely raising the phone to her ear, she softly replied: "Hello! What do you want?"

"Dr. —. No. —."

"Hello, Doctor! My wife is not very well to-night. She has a severe pain in the back of her neck, and complains of a sort of goneness in the abdomen."

"Got malaria colic, I guess."

"I think so. What shall I do for her?"

Here the wicked telephone girl switched on a machinist who was telling Mr. Pollock, of the roller mills, what he thought ailed his boiler, and the answer to the former's question was as follows:

"I think she's covered with scales inside about an inch thick. Let her cool down during the night, and before she fires up in the morning take a hammer and pound her thoroughly all over, and then take a hose and hit it on the fire plug and wash her out. I wouldn't be surprised if she is full of mud, besides the scales. When you get through fill her up with cold water and build a good fire under her, and if she don't get hot enough to steam well in half an hour, I'll eat her."

The result is that No. 2 does not now speak to No. 1. It is being kicked himself ever since.

Bill Nye, in writing to a friend in Denver, gets off one of the best things of the season. Speaking of his probable recovery from the effects of his encounter with the cyclone, which, it will be remembered, knocked him out of a buggy in one round, he said:

"Many have asked me how the accident occurred. I cannot state definitely, but I think I must have stepped on a peal of thunder and slipped. People cannot be too careful, in peeling their thunder, not to leave the peals around where some one may step on them and get hurt."